

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 879

By Goins

A RESOLUTION to honor Melissa Gail Helton, 1998 Salutatorian  
of Campbell County High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Gail Helton is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as salutatorian of the 1998 graduating class at Campbell County High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Melissa has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at Campbell County High School, Melissa has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities and has served in various positions and has received numerous honors and awards including Art Club Reporter, Art Club President, French Club Vice-President, placed First in Regional HOSA Competition, placed Third in State HOSA Competition, Student of the Month, completed all five levels of Acteens, selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and many more awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, aside from Melissa's success she makes it a point to take time to help in the community; she is a member of East LaFollette Baptist Church, member of Cougars for Christ,

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helped on Church mission trips in Michigan and Minnesota, volunteered at Special Olympics and is a member of the ELBC Puppet/Praise Team; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Melissa has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Bill and Brenda Helton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 Campbell County High School Salutatorian, Melissa Gail Helton, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.